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Microsoft abhors competition. They are bullies about it. That needs to change before we will see any improvement in the way their software works and in innovative new products that people enjoy using.

Regulate the heck out of them until their market share falls and other companies that aren't influenced by Gates/Balmer get some breathing room again. Their software isn't that great. If you had some other options you would see that.

The problem is that now they have so much money they can buy influence, stuff comment boxes like this one, and have the audacity to try to apologize by further increasing their market share in schools - one of the last bastions of hope for Apple computer. That makes about as much sense as "punishing" someone who took too many slices of pizza by making him take another slice!

Imagine the possibilities in computing if the competition weren't bought out, litigated away, or had their brain trusts stolen from under them by Microsoft. You might not have viruses, you might enjoy using your computer again, and you probably wouldn't be facing the prospects of "renting" your software through an on-line service for the sole sake of squeezing each last dime out of you to stuff the pockets of the richest man on earth.

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